ANDY GOES TO THE PARKS

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Welcome to the National Parks.

We hope you enjoy your visit. We of the National Park Service will do all we can to make it enjoyable, and you can do something too. As you relax in this lovely environment do not be careless about your safety. This publication was produced for one purpose; to make everyone more aware of some hazards that are inherent to the parks you visit.

Safety is not funny business! However, the situations that Andy gets involved with are unfortunately all too real. They represent troubles that many visitors experience in their visits to the parks.

Your visit should be a rewarding outdoor experience. If you are careful and use common sense it could be the vacation of your life for you and yours. Our wish is that your visit to the park will be a rewarding experience. Do your part: PLAY IT SAFE.

Sincerely yours,

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Director

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I MUST 'AVE BEEN IN ME CUPS WHEN I AGREED TO THIS!

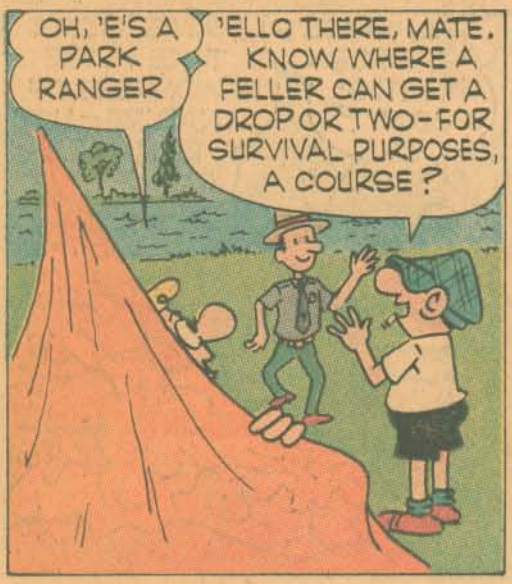
LEAVE THE ARRANGEMENTS TO FLO AND SHE LANDS US IN A FLIPPIN' PARK AND CALLS IT A VACATION!

FLO, WHERE'S THE PUB IN THIS JOINT?
YOU'RE 'ERE TO TAKE IN THE WONDERS OF NATURE—NOT RUIN YER 'EALTH!

YOU'RE 'ERE TO DO THAT! I TAKE IN THE WONDERS OF NATURE EVERY DAY!

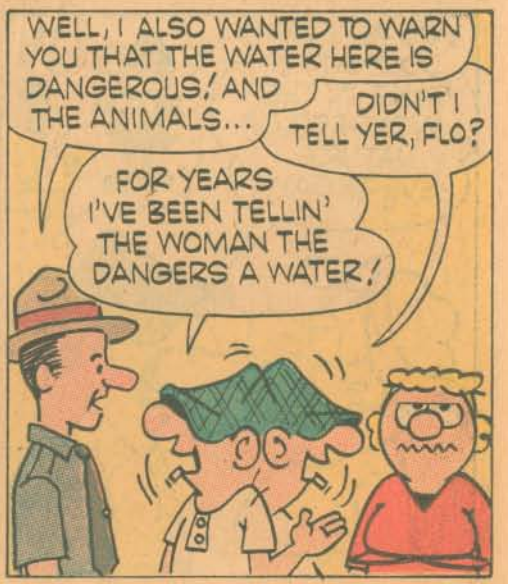
ANDY, I NEED 'ELP WITH THIS TENT!
IT'S NOT RIGHT! IN A CIVILIZED LAND NO MAN SHOULD 'AVE TO PUT UP 'IS OWN 'OUSE!

GAME WARDEN'S COMIN' TO SEE ME, PET!
MUST BE THINKIN' 'E'S FOUND A STRANGE ANIMAL!


OH, 'E'S A PARK RANGER
'ELLO THERE, MATE. KNOW WHERE A FELLER CAN GET A DROP OR TWO - FOR SURVIVAL PURPOSES, A COURSE?

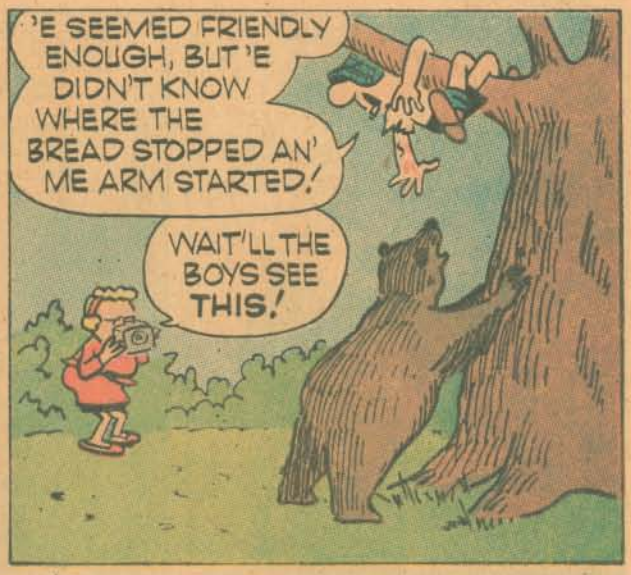
WELCOME TO THE PARK. I STOPPED TO SEE IF I COULD HELP SET UP YOUR TENT!
THAT'S NOT EXACTLY THE KIND OF SET-UP I WAS 'OPIN' FOR, MISTER. FLO 'ANDLES THE TENT. I LEAVE ALL THE 'OUSE WORK TO 'ER.

YOU NEED A CENTER POLE TO HOLD IT UPRIGHT AND...
LOOK, MISTER... IT'S ME OWN 'OUSE AND I'M 'AVIN' IT BUILT TO ME OWN LIKIN'S! I'LL 'AVE NO BUTTIN' IN!


WELL, I ALSO WANTED TO WARN YOU THAT THE WATER HERE IS DANGEROUS! AND THE ANIMALS...
DIDN'T I TELL YER, FLO?
FOR YEARS I'VE BEEN TELLIN' THE WOMAN THE DANGERS A WATER!

I'M TALKING ABOUT SWIMMING...
IT'S ALL THE SAME! YOU START DRINKIN' IT AND END UP LAYIN' IN IT!
WELL, THIS ISN'T A CITY... PROBABLY NOT AT ALL LIKE WHERE YOU COME FROM!
YER FLIPPIN' RIGHT ABOUT THAT, MATE!
WELL, HAVE A PLEASANT STAY. HERE ARE SOME GOOD TIPS ON HOW TO HAVE A SAFE VISIT!
GIVE IT TO FLO. I KNOW ALL ABOUT THIS SURVIVAL STUFF AS YER CAN SEE
THANKS, MR. RANGER!
'E'S NO 'ELP! LOOK, FLO... A BEAR! I'LL FEED 'IM AND YOU GET A PICTURE!
NO, ANDY, NO! THESE SAFETY TIPS SAY DON'T FEED THE ANIMALS!

THEY'RE NOT TALKIN' ABOUT THIS BEAR, FLO! QUICK! WAIT'LL THE BOYS SEE THIS!


'E SEEMED FRIENDLY ENOUGH, BUT 'E DIDN'T KNOW WHERE THE BREAD STOPPED AN' ME ARM STARTED!
WAIT'LL THE BOYS SEE THIS!

THANK YER, MR. RANGER. ANDY'D STILL BE OUT ON A LIMB IF YOU HADN'T CHASED THAT BEAR AWAY!
YOU SEE, GOOD SENSE PAYS OFF. NEVER FEED ANIMALS... NOT EVEN THE FRIENDLY ONES!
I 'OPE 'E STARVES TO DEATH... GR! GR! GR!

WHEN THE RANGER LEAVES, ANDY AND FLO WALK TO THE STREAM...
IT'S AN UNCIVILIZED COUNTRY, FLO. DON'T KNOW WHY WE FOUGHT FOR IT IN '76. A SWIM'LL SETTLE ME NERVES.
NO SWIMMING PERMITTED. DANGEROUS WATERS

THE SIGN, ANDY... CAN'T YER READ?
MIND YER BUSINESS, FLO. THERE'S NO KIND O' LIQUID TOO STRONG FOR ME TO 'ANDLE! 'AVE NO FEAR!
NO IMMING RMITTED NGEROUS WATERS

'ELP! THE CURRENT'S GOT ME! 'ELP!

LIKE YER SAID YERSELF, ANDY, IT CAN BE DANGEROUS EVEN TAKEN BY MOUTH!

THIS PAMPHLET THE RANGER GAVE US SAYS YOU CAN HAVE A CHILL IN THESE COLD WATERS AND EVEN DIE FROM IT! YER GET HYPOTHERMIA!
HYPO-THE-WHAT? ALL I NEED'S A LITTLE SNORT AND ME CHILLS WOULD BE GONE FOR GOOD!

YOU'D BETTER GET INTO SOME DRY CLOTHING AND WRAP A BLANKET AROUND YOU. TAKE SOME HOT LIQUIDS, TOO!
AH, THAT'S A BIT OF SOUND ADVICE. 'OW ABOUT PREPARIN' A HOT TODDY, M' LOVE?

HOT SOUP WOULD BE MUCH BETTER FOR YOU!
ME MIND TELLS ME A TODDY CAN WARM THE BODY QUICKER AND BETTER! IT'S MEDICINE, Y'KNOW!

SORRY, ANDY... WE DON'T 'AVE TH' FIXIN'S FOR A TODDY!
CIVILIZATION 'AS ESCAPED THIS ONCE COVETED LAND. ME THOUGHTS ARE BACK AT 'OME!
YER CAN MAKE A FIRE 'ERE BY TH' TENT, LUV. THAT'LL WARM ME UP
IT SAYS 'ERE ONLY TO MAKE FIRES IN FIREPLACES, SO...
Danger in the national park system
DO AS I'M TELLIN' YER OR I'LL BELT YER ONE!
ANDY! THE TENT'S ON FIRE—WAKE UP!

I TOLD YER NOT TO 'AVE THE FIRE SO CLOSE
BUTTON IT! IF IT'S FAR AWAY 'OW DO YER KEEP WARM?
GET OUT AN' TIDY UP THE PLACE. I'M GOIN' T' TOWN FOR SOME ESSENTIALS!
IF YOU GAVE ME A SHORT COUNT THERE'LL BE TROUBLE. A BLOKE COULD DIE OF THIRST IN THIS COUNTRY!
YOU BOUGHT THE PLACE OUT AND YOU'VE COUNTED THE CASES THREE TIMES!
GENERAL STORE
XXX
BLOKE WAS NUTS! THERE'S NOTHIN' TO DRIVIN' WITH A TRAILER!
U-RENT TRAILER 44

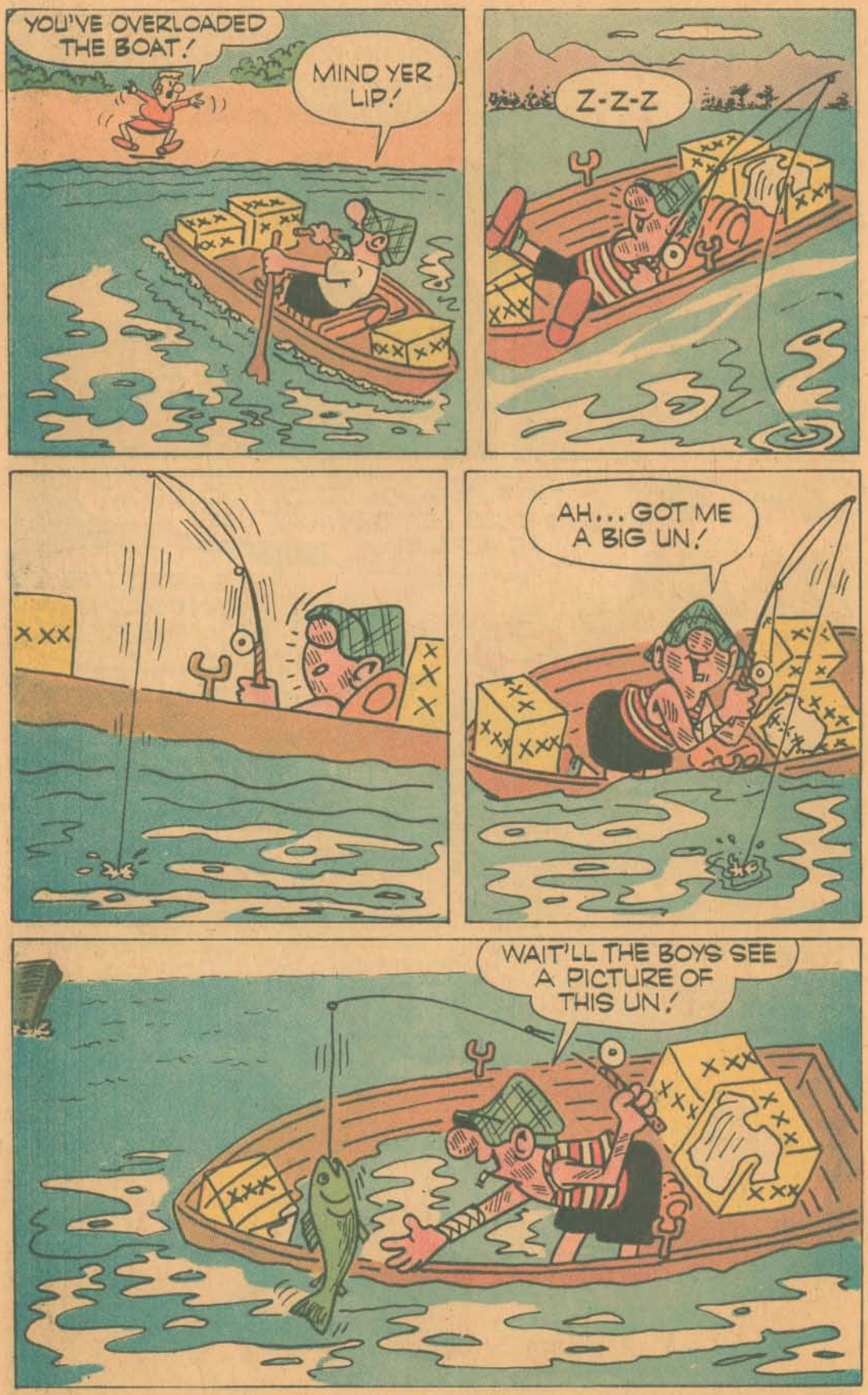
YOU'RE THE GENTLEMAN WHO ALMOST DROWNED YESTERDAY, AREN'T YOU?
I'M THE BLOKE! WHAT'S ON YER MIND?

YOU'VE BEEN WEAVING ALL OVER THE ROAD. HAVE YOU EVER DRIVEN WITH A TRAILER BEFORE? LET ME EXPLAIN HOW...
HANDS OFF! I DON'T NEED INSTRUCTIN' ON DRIVIN'! ME CAMP IS RIGHT THERE!

MAN PROVIDES 'IS WOMAN WITH A 'OUSE AN' GETS ARRESTED!
I'LL GIVE YOU A WARNING TICKET, BUT FOLLOW THE RULES AND YOU WON'T GET HURT!

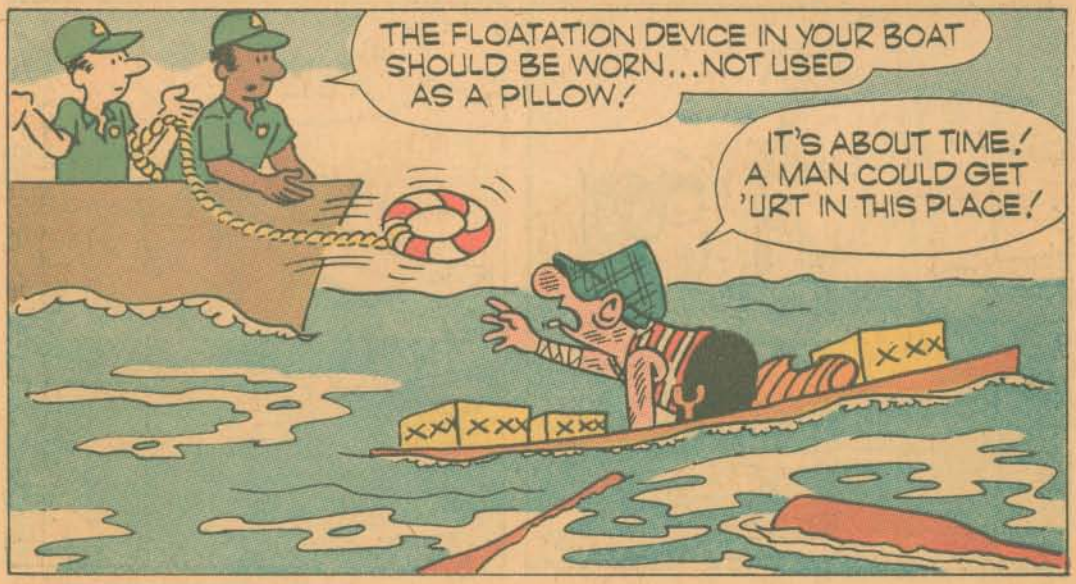
GET US A PROPER 'OUSE AN' PROVISIONS AN' WHAT THANKS DO I GET?
I HOPE YER GOT FOOD TOO!

BUTTON UP, WOMAN! I NEED THAT...GOIN' FISHIN' FOR SOME PEACE AN' QUIET!
MARINA


YOU'VE OVERLOADED THE BOAT!
MIND YER LIP!
Z-Z-Z
AH... GOT ME A BIG UN!
WAIT'LL THE BOYS SEE A PICTURE OF THIS UN!

HELP!

ANOTHER OVERLOADED FISHING BOAT!
CAN'T TELL IF IT'S THE BOAT OR THE GUY!


THE FLOATATION DEVICE IN YOUR BOAT SHOULD BE WORN...NOT USED AS A PILLOW!
IT'S ABOUT TIME! A MAN COULD GET 'URT IN THIS PLACE!

OPEN A WINDOW...IT SAYS YER SHOULD HAVE VENTILATION WITH A LIT STOVE
YER CRAZY...DO YER WANT ME TO FREEZE TO DEATH?!

I TOLD YER... WE NEEDED VENTILATION!
UUURK!

WHILE YER MAKIN' DINNER I'M GOIN' FOR A WALK!
SHOULDN'T YER TAKE PROPER SHOES?

LATER

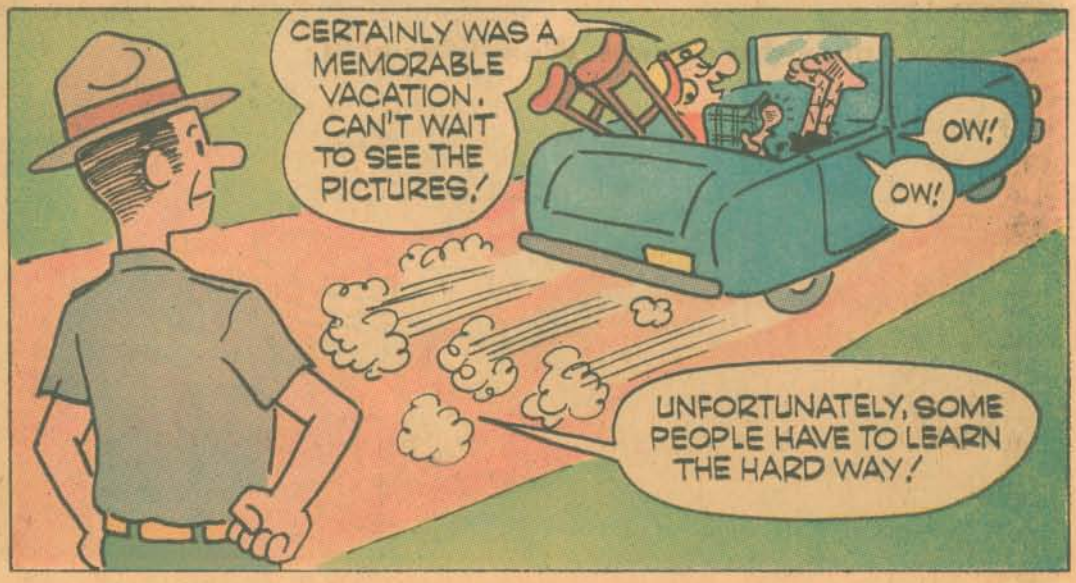
MATE, CAN YER TELL A FELLER HOW TO GET OUTA HERE?

OW! YER STUPID ANIMAL! YER BIT ME!

YOUR FEET ARE BADLY SWOLLEN. YOU SHOULD 'AVE WORN WALKING SHOES!
YER CAN SAY THAT AGAIN! I CAN'T WALK...
THIS IS A NASTY BITE!
FIRST AID

...DON'T GIVE ME LECTURES... THAT BEAST BIT ME! ARREST 'IM!
NO MATTER THEIR SIZE... THEY'RE ALL WILD ANIMALS
SHADDUP

THE HUMILIATION OF IT ALL!
ANOTHER GOOD UN FOR THE BOYS TO SEE!


CERTAINLY WAS A MEMORABLE VACATION. CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE PICTURES!
OW!
OW!
UNFORTUNATELY, SOME PEOPLE HAVE TO LEARN THE HARD WAY!

Epilogue

For you, if not Andy, we hope the exploits depicted in this comic have been fun. But there is a serious side. Every mishap pictured here is based on all too frequent accidents within national parks. This comic illustrates that for many reasons, usually involving unthinking or careless behavior, many park visitors are hurt or killed each year. Take care while in the parks. There are hazards in nature that may catch the unsuspecting park visitor off-guard if he is not careful. This is what this comic hopes to prevent.

Safety Tips

Here are a few tips which may help make your visit a memorable — and safe one!

- **Never climb alone.**
- **If trouble develops, stay with your car.**
- **When hiking, stay on established trails.**
- **Do not overload boats. Total weight, not numbers, is your only safety guide. Wear life vests.**
- **Take three to water-ski. You need two in the tow boat; a pilot and someone to watch you. Always wear a life vest.**
- **Stay away from natural streambeds during and after rainstorms.**
- **Children should never be allowed alone near water.**
- **Careful driving demands alertness at all times.**
- **All park animals are wild. Do not feed or approach them.**
- **Don't throw rocks off trails or canyon rims; there might be someone below.**

We welcome your suggestions to improve safety for visitors within the National Park System. If you see a hazard, please report it to a Ranger or Park Employee. We would appreciate your taking a moment to fill out the questionnaire below.

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Do you think this form of communication (comic book) effectively conveys safety messages to visitors? _____(Yes) _____(No)
2. If the park has a radio station for information did you tune it in? _____(Yes) _____(No)
3. If you answered yes, did you hear any safety tips or messages? _____(Yes) _____(No)
4. The National Park Service tries to do many things to make your visit safer and more enjoyable. Of the list below please check the ones that you feel were helpful to you:
   a) _____ Safety messages included in the material given you at the entrance.
   b) _____ Safety tips included in informational messages.
   c) _____ Visitor center slide and motion picture presentations.
   d) _____ Warning signs.
   e) _____ Safety posters.
   f) _____ Park radio station broadcasts.
   g) _____ Public service spot announcements on commercial TV.
   h) _____ Public service spot announcements on commercial radio
   i) _____ Conversations with park or concessioner employees.
5. Which of (a thru i) above influenced you most? _____ least? _____
6. Were you aware the Park Service provided these services? _____(Yes) _____(No)

We need your help in reducing the number of accidents that occur in the parks. Please give us your ideas of how we may improve our service to you. Is there anything we are not doing that you think would help?

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Tear off, drop in park suggestion box, mail box, or give to any park employee. Thank you.

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